

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Roxanne Wadman, David Cordell, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT:

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda with the proposed changes. Director Cordell seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Lisa Prugh. Observer. No comments.

Brad Koenig and Austin Wargo- **Sewer ARPA Planning Update:** Brad led the discussion proposing expansion rendering options as well as possible phases. Discussion was had of new DEQ rules and offered renderings highlighting the areas of impact. The importance of a groundwater discharge permit was highlighted in discussion. Brad spoke of treatment levels needed for each option that was proposed to the Board. General Manager Olson spoke applying for additional ARPA forgiveness that may be available to the District if we were to move forward with the proposed phases at this time. After continued discussion about location, cost, application, odor mitigation and funding, the Board decided to move ahead to the planning and permitting phase of the proposal.

Lead and Copper Inventory Rule- Compliance Date- October 2024: General Manager Olson lead the discussion about how to best go about taking inventory and documenting the Districts water lines to ensure compliance with new federal guidelines. With an October 2024 deadline for such reporting approaching, there was discussion of the possibility of contracting Robert Peccia and Associates to do official reporting on the system. Future discussions will be had as additional guidance from the DEQ is distributed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the August 16, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Cordell to accept the minutes as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for August 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for August 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson recapped the highlights from the Robert Peccia and Associates presentation by Brad Koenig and Austin Wargo emphasizing the strict timelines imposed by the federal government to utilize ARPA funds that were granted to the District.

Septage Receiving station: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the Flathead County future septage receiving station site. General Manager Olson spoke of the possibility of incorporating future site development with an additional phase of the sewer ARPA planning project.

Hall & Brass Wells – Lightning Damage: General Manager Olson discussed the repairs that were completed due to the extensive damage that was done to the Hall and Brass Wells due to a recent lightning storm. General Manager Olson reported that a claim was submitted to insurance and the District was fully reimbursed for the damages, less the deductible.

NEW BUSINESS:

PFAS (Forever Chemicals) Legal Case: General Manager Olson lead the discussion of a class action lawsuit about PFAS that was shared with the District by the National Rural Water Association and the Montana Rural Water Association. After presenting the correspondence with the District attorney, the Board has unanimously decided to opt out of the lawsuit at this time, pending additional information.

EPA Lead & Copper Inventory Rule – Compliance date – Oct 2024: General Manager Olson recapped the earlier discussion.

County 38 Acre Land Deal: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the Flathead County purchase agreement for land earmarked for the future development of a septage receiving station.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022)